

memorandum

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Mark Hayes *AK*

SUBJECT: S.2355

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On July 22, 1982 the Senate Commerce Committee reported S.2355, a bill to ensure that hearing-impaired persons have reasonable access to telephone service. Attached is a copy of the committee report (Senate Report No. 97-503) and the bill as amended.

During markup, the bill as introduced was changed as follows:

- In section 1(1) [findings], strike "possible" and insert "and economically feasible"
- In section 1(3), strike "possible" and insert "and economically feasible"
- In section 225(b), strike "be capable of coupling with hearing aids through the use of an induction coil or other inductive receptor" and insert "provide internal means for coupling with hearing aids."
- In section 225(b), strike "(such as telephones in hospital rooms), or provided for emergency access (such as telephones in elevators)," and insert "or provided for emergency use"
- In section 225(d), strike "equipment and"
- In section 225(e), after "implement this section" insert "encourage the use of currently available technology and"
- In section 225, add a new subsection (f):

"(f) The Commission shall complete rulemaking actions required by this section and issue such rules and regulations resulting therefrom within one year after the date of enactment of this section of the Act. Thereafter the Commission shall periodically review such rules and regulations. Except for coin-operated public telephones and telephones provided for emergency use, the Commission may not require the retrofitting of equipment to achieve the purposes of this section."



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TO: Legislative Liaison Officer

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Department of Commerce

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NOTE TO FILES: On Tues. Aug 10 Janice Obuchowski and I placed a joint call to Janet Fox and made one point -- the provision in the bill requiring the FCC to supervise the labeling of phone boxes. This seriously challenged whether this is a function of the FCC.

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SUBJECT: S. 2355 as reported by the Senate Commerce Committee, re telephones for the hearing impaired.

Especially after Computer II. Perhaps it more appropriately belongs with the Consumer Safety Products Board or some similar entity.

The Office of Management and Budget requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.

A response to this request for your views is needed no later than Wednesday, August 11, 1982

Questions should be referred to Janet Fox (395-4874), the legislative analyst in this office or Mike Natoli (395-6156).

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Enclosures

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